

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
BEAUFORT DIVISION**

George Holmes,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	Civil Action No. 9:23-cv-4238-TMC
v.)	
)	ORDER
Jonathan M. Hewitt, Jeffrey Stephens,)	
Courtney Ann Gibbes, Carmen T.)	
Mullen, Colin J. Hamilton,)	
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Defendants.)	
_____)	

Plaintiff George Holmes, a state prisoner proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*, brought this action against Defendants seeking relief pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. (ECF Nos. 1, 6, 12). In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2) (D.S.C.), this matter was referred to a magistrate judge for all pretrial proceedings. Now before the court is the magistrate judge’s Report and Recommendation (“Report”), recommending the Court dismiss this action without prejudice, without leave to amend, and without issuance and service of process. (ECF No. 15 at 10). The Report was mailed both to Plaintiff’s address of record with the Court—Lee Correctional Institute in Bishopville, South Carolina—and to Turbeville Correctional Institute in Turbeville, South Carolina, where Plaintiff appears to be incarcerated at the moment based on his filings and the court’s independent research undertaken *sua sponte* despite Plaintiff’s failure to comply with an order requiring him to advise the Court of any change in address *See id.* at 10 n.8; (ECF Nos. 14, 16). The Report was not returned to the Court, so Plaintiff is presumed to have received it. Plaintiff was advised of his right to file specific objections to the Report, (ECF No. 15 at 11), but failed to do so. The time for Plaintiff to object to the Report has expired, and this matter is ripe for review.

The magistrate judge's recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility for making a final determination remains with the United States District Court. *Wimmer v. Cook*, 774 F.2d 68, 72 (4th Cir. 1985) (quoting *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270–71 (1976)). Nevertheless, “[t]he district court is only required to review *de novo* those portions of the report to which specific objections have been made, and need not conduct *de novo* review ‘when a party makes general and conclusory objections that do not direct the court to a specific error in the magistrate judge’s proposed findings and recommendations.’” *Farmer v. McBride*, 177 Fed. App’x 327, 330–31 (4th Cir. April 26, 2006) (quoting *Orpiano v. Johnson*, 687 F.2d 44, 47 (4th Cir. 1982)); *see also* *Elijah v. Dunbar*, 66 F.4th 454, 460 (4th Cir. 2023) (noting “an objecting party ‘must object to the finding or recommendation on that issue with sufficient specificity so as reasonably to alert the district court of the true ground for the objection’” and “‘an objection stating only “I object” preserves no issue for review’” (quoting *United States v. Midgette*, 478 F.3d 616, 622 (4th Cir. 2007); *Lockert v. Faulkner*, 843 F.2d 1015, 1019 (7th Cir. 1988))). Thus, “in the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a *de novo* review, but instead must ‘only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.’” *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 Advisory Committee’s note). The court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation made by the magistrate judge or recommit the matter with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). However, in the absence of specific objections to the Report and Recommendation, this Court is not required to give any explanation for adopting the recommendation. *Greenspan v. Brothers Prop. Corp.*, 103 F. Supp. 3d 734, 737 (D.S.C. 2015) (citing *Camby v. Davis*, 718 F.2d 198, 199–200 (4th Cir. 1983)). Furthermore, failure to file specific written objections to the Report results in a party’s waiver of the right to appeal the district

court's judgment based upon that recommendation. *See Elijah*, 66 F.4th at 460 (quoting *Lockert*, 843 F.2d at 1019); *Martin v. Duffy*, 858 F.3d 239, 245 (4th Cir. 2017).

After a careful and thorough review of the Report and the record under the appropriate standards, as set forth above, the Court agrees with the conclusions of the magistrate judge and finds no reason to deviate from the magistrate judge's recommended disposition as set forth in the Report. Accordingly, the court **ADOPTS** the Report (ECF No. 15), which is incorporated herein. This action is hereby **DISMISSED** without prejudice, without leave to amend, and without issuance and service of process.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Timothy M. Cain
United States District Judge

Anderson, South Carolina
March 22, 2024

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

The parties are hereby notified of the right to appeal this order pursuant to Rules 3 and 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.